

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 508  
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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study  
shoplifting, worthless checks and scanner fraud.

WHEREAS, shoplifting, worthless checks, scanner fraud and other types of crime and/or fraud perpetrated against the retail industry cost merchants millions of dollars annually in profits; and

WHEREAS, the monetary losses which result from such types of crime and/or fraud are, of course, ultimately passed on to consumers in the form of higher prices; and

WHEREAS, thus, such types of crime and/or fraud not only are injurious to the retail industry, but also adversely affect the average consumer; and

WHEREAS, this issue is of vital importance to all Tennesseans as it impedes the fluent transaction of legitimate commerce, and depletes the finances of both the retail industry and the average consumer; and

WHEREAS, such issue should be carefully studied and examined by this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a special joint committee to study shoplifting, worthless checks, scanner fraud and other types of crime and/or fraud perpetrated against the retail industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be composed of three (3) members of the Senate and three (3) members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request by the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly. At its first meeting, the special joint committee shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers that the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundredth General Assembly no later than February 1, 1997, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

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